

### **REMARKS**

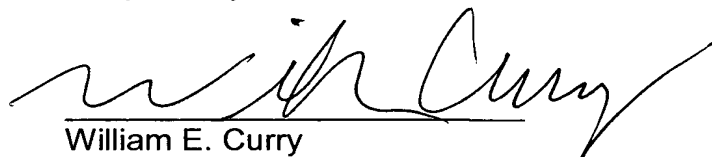
The specification has been amended to insert a reference to the PCT application and the Japanese priority applications.

The claims have been amended to delete all multiple dependencies and to correct a typographical error. New Claims 17 and 18 were added.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter in connection with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to the Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Curry", is written over a horizontal line.

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